

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/731,645

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 1/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-7, 9-13, 15-17 and 19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to an applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following changes have been made in a subject of the application to place the claims in a condition for allowance:

Claim

In claim 1:

- line 10, changed "thereof" to --the caulking part--.

The above change was made clearer language and to place the application in better condition for allowance.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-13 and 15-16 are allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches a liquid cartridge for supplying a liquid by being mounted on a liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a caulking part that is formed at a container body of the liquid cartridge or a lid and is inserted into a penetrating part in order for a tip part of the caulking part to be caulked; wherein the container body or the lid is provided with either of the engaging part or the caulking part respectively at a plurality of second side faces adjacent to a first side face of the container body, and the penetrating part of the engaging part at a first one of the plurality of the second side faces is a penetrating hole in order for the caulking part to be inserted, while the penetrating

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part of the engaging part at a second one of the plurality of the second side faces is formed as a notch in order for the caulking part to be inserted in the combination as claimed.

Claims 17 and 19 allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches a method for manufacturing a liquid cartridge comprising the steps of providing a liquid container including a caulking part that is formed at a container body of the liquid cartridge or a lid and is inserted into a penetrating part in order for a tip part of the caulking part to be caulked; wherein the engaging part, penetrating part or the caulking part are respectively provided at a plurality of second side faces adjacent to a first side face of the container body, wherein the penetrating part of the engaging part at a second one of the plurality of the second side faces is formed as a notch in order for the caulking part to be inserted and of deforming the tip part of the caulking part with heat to perform caulking in the combination as claimed.

CONCLUSION

Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Anh Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2262. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.. The fax number of this Group 2800 is (571) 273-8300.


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